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8. (Amended Once) A method of configuring a first computer so that a first telephony client on the first computer may securely communicate with a second telephony client on a second computer via a communication path, the method comprising inserting a security algorithm within the communication path, the security algorithm facilitating secure communication between the first and second telephony clients such that more than a single type of telephony client may be implemented concurrently.

11. (Amended Once) An operating system for use by a processor in directing operation of a computer upon which a first telephony client may execute to communicate with a second telephony client on a second computer via a communication path, the operating system comprising:

- at least one processor-readable medium; and
- a program mechanism embedded in the at least one processor-readable medium for causing the processor to facilitate secure communication between the first and second telephony clients such that any combination of types of telephony clients may be implemented concurrently.

12. (Amended Once) A computer readable medium containing program instructions for a first telephony system to communicate securely with a second telephony system such that more than a single type of telephony client may be implemented concurrently, the first telephony client being configurable to include a sound card and an associated driver, a general purpose sound driver for interfacing with the sound card's associated driver, a network card and associated driver, a general purpose networking driver for interfacing with the network card's associated driver, a telephony client, an I/O supervisor for interfacing between the telephony client and the general purpose networking and sound drivers, the computer readable medium comprising:

- computer code for inserting a filter driver between the I/O supervisor and the general purpose sound driver,